

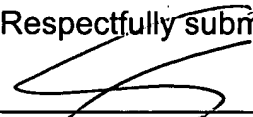
## **REMARKS**

By this preliminary amendment, Applicants have claimed priority to U.S. Application Serial No. 10/073,761 filed February 11, 2002, U.S. Application Serial No. 09/408,944, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/105,417, filed October 23, 1998. The originally filed application only claimed priority to US Application Serial Nos. 10/073,761 and 09/408,944.

Upon inspection of Application Serial No. 10/073,761, it was determined priority was not correctly claimed back to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/105,417. Therefore, on April 8, 2004, an Amendment and Petition for an Unintentionally Delayed Domestic Priority Claim was filed for U.S. Application Serial No. 10/073,761, a copy of both are attached for your convenience. Also, attached is a decision from the Office of Petitions granting the April 8, 2004 Petition and a Corrected Filing Receipt reflecting the proper priority chain.

In light of this Preliminary Amendment and the Corrected Filing Receipt relating to Application Serial No. 10/073,761, it is believed the chain of priority is proper as cited on Page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment. Early and favorable consideration of these claims is earnestly solicited.

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